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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An anhydrous antiperspirant composition comprising

a) from 0.5 to 50% by weight of a particulate aluminium and/or aluminium/zirconium antiperspirant active;

b) from 30 to 95% by weight of a water-immiscible carrier fluid or mixture of fluids;

c) optionally up to 40% by weight of a thickener, gellant or structurant for the carrier fluid;

in which the carrier fluid comprises an aryl substituted siloxane which satisfies the general formula 1

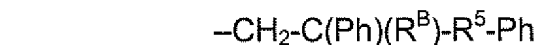


in which:

_____ n represents an average number of from 0 to 2;

_____ R¹ R² and R³, which may be the same as or different from each other, each _____ represents:

_____ (a) a group R⁴ of formula



_____ in which R^B represents H or -CH₃ and R⁵ represents an alkylene group _____ containing from 0 to 3 carbon atoms, optionally branched or

_____ (b) optionally, a capping group R^C which represents the hydrogenated _____ residue of a substituted vinyl group other than R⁴ or a residue of an _____ aliphatic alcohol, a cycloaliphatic alcohol or an aralkyl alcohol,

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with the proviso that not more than 20% of the total occurrences of R^1 , R^2

and R^3 are R^C ,

~~and not more than one of R^1 , R^2 and R^3 can optionally represent R^C , namely the hydrogenated residue of a substituted vinyl group other than R^4 or a residue of an aliphatic alcohol, a cycloaliphatic alcohol or an aralkyl alcohol~~

and R^A represents a C_1 to C_4 alkyl group

provided that at least 60% of carbon atoms in total in substituents R^A , R^4 and R^C are present in aryl groups.

Claim 2 (Original) A composition according to claim 1 in which R^4 represent diphenylethyl.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 1 in which R^4 represent a mixture of diphenylethyl and the hydrogenated residue of α -methylstyrene dimer.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 3 ~~1~~ in which on wherein at least 80% of the total occurrences of R^1 , R^2 and R^3 represents are diphenylethyl and up to 20% of its the total occurrences of R^1 , R^2 and R^3 represents are the residue of α methylstyrene dimer.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 1 in which R^C represents a residue of benzyl alcohol or allyloxy ethanol.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~in which the diphenylethyl group is present in~~ at least 85% of the total occurrences of R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are diphenylethyl.

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Claim 7 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 in which n is from 0 to 1.5.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 in which n is 0.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 5 in which the proportion of diphenylethyl group is from 85 to 90%.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 1 in which R⁴ represents the residue of α -methylstyrene dimer.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 10 in which n in the formula is 1 +/-0.2.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 in which the aryl substituted siloxane comprises at least 50% by weight of the carrier fluid or mixture of fluids.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 12 in which the aryl substituted carrier fluid comprises from 60 to 90% by weight of the mixture of carrier fluids.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 1 in which the mixture of carrier fluids comprises one or more water-immiscible fluids selected from volatile polycyclomethicone or linear polymethicone oils, non-volatile polymethicone oils, liquid branched aliphatic alcohol, liquid alkyl benzoate esters and liquid polyalkylene glycol ethers.

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Claim 15 (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 14 in which the carrier mixture comprises the aryl substituted siloxane fluid and the liquid branched aliphatic alcohol in a weight ratio of from 6:1 to 2:1.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 in which the carrier fluid and suspended antiperspirant active have refractive index matching within 0.005 units.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 1 in which the antiperspirant active is selected from aluminium chlorohydrate or activated aluminium chlorohydrate.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 in which the antiperspirant active is selected from aluminium/zirconium chlorohydrate and complexes of aluminium/zirconium chlorohydrate with an amino acid.

Claim 19 (Original) A composition according to claim 18 in which the antiperspirant active is a complex of aluminium/zirconium chlorohydrate and glycine.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 in which the carrier fluid is thickened or solidified with an effective amount of a structurant comprising a silicone-oil-soluble polymeric gellant or non-polymeric fibre-forming gellant.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn) A composition according to claim 20 in which the polymeric gellant comprises a polyalkylene, a polyalkylene/polyarylene block copolymer a polyamide or a polyamide/polysiloxane copolymer.

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Claim 22 (Original) A composition according to claim 20 in which the non-polymeric fibre-forming gellant is selected from cellobiose esters, lanosterol, a combination of a sterol and a sterol ester, hydroxystearic acid, N-acyl amino acid amides and esters, diamido derivatives of cyclohexane, amido derivatives of aliphatic di or tri-carboxylic acids, and cyclic derivatives of aspartame.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 in which the proportion of structurant is selected in the range of from 2 to 15% by weight.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 in which the composition has a hardness of at least 0.003 N/mm² by sphere indentation.